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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Project title and number:	Development of Technical and Operational Capabilities of Civil Aviation (URT/77/061)
Executing Agency:	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Directorate General of Civil Aviation (Ministry of Transport)
Date of approval:	October 1978
Estimated starting date for project operations:	- 1/
Duration:	- 2/
Estimated value of the Government input expressed in US dollars:	$271 900 (In kind)
Estimated UNDP additional contribution:	$825 400
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. With an area of 940,000 square kilometres and a population of 15.5 million inhabitants scattered mostly along the periphery of the country and the coast, Tanzania requires an adequate and fast means of transportation as an essential prerequisite for fostering and/or maintaining a greater participation of the people in the economic, social and political activities of the country. The existing surface transportation facilities fall far short of meeting this need. Hence, the importance accorded to air transportation by the Tanzanian Government.

2. Previously, public air transport in the country was run by the East African Airways Corporation (EAA) which handled both internal and external traffic on behalf of Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. Since the disintegration of the East African Community (EAC), air services in Tanzania have had to be reorganized and the newly-created and government-owned company, Air Tanzania, has assumed operational responsibility. However, the management and technical-organizational structures,

1/ Project operations started under Preparatory Assistance in September 1978.

2/ Including the period under Preparatory Assistance the project duration will be two years and six months.

still require major improvements. (There are about 50 airfields in Tanzania of which very few are of internationally comparable standards. Two airports, those of Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro, are used for international air transport connections.)

3. The present UNDP/ICAO project is to establish, through direct support as well as systematic training of technical/administrative staff, adequate capabilities within the enlarged Civil Aviation Department for the discharge of its manifold responsibilities. As an all-out effort to develop the country's air services, the envisaged project activities are to complement the Tanzanian pilot training and upgrading programme under way at the Soroti Flying School (Uganda) with a UNDP-financed regional project (RAF/75/051 - Phase II).3/ The evolving work programme will also take into account the recommendations of the recent joint Organization of African Unity (OAU)/ICAO/UNDP survey of civil aviation (training) needs in 42 African countries. (The fellowship programme started in September 1978 under Preparatory Assistance.)

II. The project

4. The long-range objective of the project is to promote air transport services in Tanzania as an essential means of connecting the various parts of the country and for the development of economic interchange and tourism.

5. The immediate objectives are to: (a) formulate a co-ordinated civil aviation development plan; (b) improve flight safety standards, as well as the safety and reliability of air services through requisite navigational aids and aviation telecommunications services; (c) provide expertise in systems and operations management for the government-owned airline; and (d) train national technical and administrative staff.

6. The UNDP assistance will primarily comprise expertise (including OPAS functions) and a massive training programme (48 civil aviation personnel for a total duration of 185 man-months). The Government will provide the necessary counterpart and administrative support personnel, premises and miscellaneous operating costs.

7. The expenditure components of the UNDP assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
Expert services		-	78	513 400	78	513 400
Training	14	14 300	171	239 200	185	253 500
Equipment		-		60 000		60 000
Miscellaneous		-		12 800		12 800
		14 300		825 400		839 700

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